

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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For: MICROBE CULTURE CONTAINING MICROBES HAVING DIFFERENT CHARACTERS LIVING IN SYMBIOSIS WITH EACH OTHER AND METABOLITES THERE FROM, CARRIER AND ABSORBING MATERIAL CONTAINING THE ACTIVE INGREDIENTS OF THE CULTURE AND UTILIZATION THEREOF

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Date: June 24, 2003

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